

January 28, 2020 West Hartford Town Council Meeting 7:30PM
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Generated by Cindy A Porrini on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 **Members present**

Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call **ALL PRESENT**

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Proclamations - Presentation of Proclamation to Kate Miller

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Minutes 1-14-2020 **APPROVED**

4. Public Forum Mary Sandberg spoke In regard to crime In town and possible solutions.

5. Consideration of Consent Calendar **ITEMS MOVED 12A - 12F.**

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Application filed on behalf of FW CT-Corbin's Corner Shopping Center, LLC, owner of 1459 New Britain Avenue, located within Special Development District (SDD) #6, 1445 - 1459 New Britain Avenue. The application seeks approval for a renovation of the shopping center including alterations to the existing building facades; construction of an approximately 2,550 s.f. addition to the rear of Trader Joes; and either the demolition and replacement of the now vacant Jared's Jewelers building with a new 7,360 s.f. restaurant building with outdoor dining or the redesign of the existing building's exterior to accommodate a restaurant use and outdoor dining. In addition, associated improvements including the reconfiguration of the parking layout, installation of new landscaping, lighting and pedestrian amenities, and changes to the sign criteria and SDD conditions, are proposed. (This agenda item will be the subject of a formal Public Hearing on January 28, 2020 and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules.(759)

MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 PM.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

B. Ordinance Permitting Sponsorship Signs in Municipal Parks. (This agenda item will be the subject of a continued public hearing on January 28, 2020 and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules) (194)

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN

7. New Business:

A. Ordinance Reducing the Number of Parking Spaces Required in a Food Truck Area. (This agenda item will be the subject of a public hearing and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules) (999)

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:45 PM REFER TO TPZ & CRCOG.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

WHEREAS, food trucks have substantially grown in popularity over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, food trucks and food truck parks bring diverse dining options to residents and workers in areas where dining options are limited or inconvenient; and

WHEREAS, having adopted an ordinance permitting food truck and food truck parks, the Town of West Hartford would like to allow greater access to food trucks and food truck parks by requiring fewer parking spaces for each seat in the food truck seating area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT:

Section 177-37.4(B), entitled Operations, of the Code of the Town of West Hartford is amended as follows:

(6) Patron parking must be provided at a rate of one space for every [three] five seats in any seating area provided. The patron parking area must be a paved or gravel surface.

B. Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Permitted Main Uses for Experiential Recreation and Restaurant Facilities. (This agenda item will be the subject of a public hearing and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules)

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 10, 2020 AT 7:00 PM REFER TO TPZ & CRCOG.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

C. Resolution to Amend Cemetery Fee Schedule. (331)

ADOPTED, 9-0

(Click Here for the Resolution)

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

D. Resolution to Accept a Quilt on Loan from the West Hartford Art League. (188)

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN

E. Resolution Accepting a Donation of the SS Maiden Creek Bell from the U.S. Maritime Administration to the Town of West Hartford. (998) **ADOPTED, 9-0**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

WHEREAS, in May, 2005, the United States Maritime Administration loaned the Maiden Creek bell to the Town of West Hartford to be included in the new Connecticut Veterans Memorial as a special feature of the site located at the corner of North Main Street and Farmington Avenue, and,

WHEREAS, this bell represents all the veterans who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine, one of the five branches of service that is recognized at the Connecticut Veterans Memorial, and,

WHEREAS, Maiden Creek was built in 1943 by the Gulf Shipbuilding Corporation Shipyard, Chickasaw, Alabama, and as is the custom, its bell was cast in its shipyard foundry that was operated by the Waterman Steamship Corporation of Mobile, Alabama, and,

WHEREAS, while in route with convoy SNF-17 from Naples, Italy, to Oran, Algeria, SS Maiden Creek, under command of Captain Oscar Pedersen, USMS, was torpedoed by German Submarine U-371 on March 17, 1944 about 30 miles north of Bougie, Algeria. Her merchant crew of 45 and naval armed guard of 29 were manning the SS Maiden Creek during the blast. A total of 11 men were lost, and,

WHEREAS, the bell was later installed on the SS Mission San Diego, later named Sealand Washington, and was in place during the heroic missions of the Merchant Marine in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and,

WHEREAS, the United States Maritime Administration would like to permanently transfer this asset to the Town of West Hartford, subject to certain

terms and conditions, including a prohibition on the loan, sale or transfer of the asset without the written permission of the United States Maritime Administration; an obligation to recognize the United States Maritime Administration as the donor in the display of the bell; and a commitment to return the bell if the Town is no longer using it, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT, the Town of West Hartford accepts the donation of the SS Maiden Creek bell from the United States Maritime Administration on the terms and conditions set forth above and the Town Manager is authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the transfer to the Town.

F. Resolution Implementing Parking Rate Adjustments. (577)

ADOPTED, 9-0

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

G. Resolution Directing the Town Manager to Study a System of Preferential Resident Parking.

ADOPTED & REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

8. Reports of Town Manager - Town Manager Matthew W. Hart presented his report to the Council.

9. Announcements - Upcoming events were reported by Mayor Cantor.

10. Reports of Corporation Counsel - Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge reported that the Town had settled the case Town of West Hartford v. Aquatics for Life et al. and had received payment from the defendants in the amount of \$85,000.

11. Appointments:

Commission on Veterans' Affairs

David Pauluk appointed as a member for a term ending 12-31-2022.

12. Reports of Standing or Special Committees:

A. Minutes from Human Services Committee 12-16-2019. **RECEIVED**

B. Minutes from West Hartford Special Services District 1-7-2020. **RECEIVED**

C. Minutes from Community Planning & Economic Development Committee 1-7-2020. **RECEIVED**

D. Minutes from Public Works & Facilities Committee 1-7-2020 **RECEIVED**

E. Minutes from Public Safety Committee 1-7-2020. **RECEIVED**

F. Minutes from Human & Community Services Committee 1-13-2020. **RECEIVED**

13. Communications:

A. From Moises Salas (12-26-2019) resigning from the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District. (321)

RECEIVED Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

B. From Ben Grippo (1-12-2020) resigning from the Prevention Council. (321)

TABLED Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

14. Consent Calendar **ADOPTED, 9-0**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

15. Petitions **NONE**

16. Executive Session **NONE**

17. Adjournment at **8:15 PM**

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Deputy Mayor Davidoff.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams



Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

APPROVED AT FEBRUARY 11, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING